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Remarks

Claims 1-16 were pending in this case. The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-2, 6-9, 11 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by the Shaylor; and Claims 12-15 under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Bundgen in view of Goldberg. The Examiner has stated that Claims 3-5 recite allowable subject matter but are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

By this amendment, Applicants have amended the independent claims, Claims 1, 9, 11, 12, with the limitations of allowable Claim 3, have changed the dependency of Claim 4, and have canceled Claims 3 and 16. In view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the application and allowance of claims are respectfully requested.

If there are any issues remaining which the Examiner believes to be resolved through either a Supplemental Response, Affidavit or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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